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SUBJECT: REVISED DRAFT SCENARIO FOR EVENT NO 4: JOINT SESSION
OF CONGRESS

REF: BRASILIA 1849

1. SUMMARY: REVISED SCENARIO FOR EVENT NO 4, JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS, ON MARCH 30, REFLECTS CHANGES DISCUSSED WITH BRAZILIAN CONGRESS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAVES ON MARCH 9. THE BASIC CHANGES ARE: (1) ELIMINATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S REVIEW OF THE TROOPS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CONGRESS, (2) ELIMINATION OF THE RECEIPTION FOLLOWING THE JOINT SESSION, AND (3) INCREASE IN THE TIME ALLOTTED TO THE TWO BRAZILIAN SPEAKERS TO 10 MINUTES EACH. END SUMMARY.

2. MR. CHAVES SAID HE HAD RECALLED AMBASSADOR DOBELLE'S EARLIER CONCERN OVER TIMING AS WELL AS THAT REITERATED LAST WEEK BY THE EMBASSY. HE HAD CONVEYED THIS CONCERN TO SENATOR PORTELLA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS, WHO AGREED TO CUT THE TROOP REVIEW AND RECEPTION IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME. SENATOR PORTELLA FELT THAT IT WOULD BE TOTALLY UNREALISTIC, HOWEVER, TO EXPECT
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EITHER THE SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER OR THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MINORITY LEADER TO BE ABLE TO RESTRICT THEIR RESPECTIVE SPEECHES TO ONLY FIVE MINUTES. THE REVISED SCENARIO THEREFORE SHOWS 10-MINUTE SPEECHES BY EACH.

3. EVENT NO 4: JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

PLACE: CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1978
9:00 A.M. TO 9:45 A.M.

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY WILL DEPART HOTEL
NACIONAL AT 8:45 A.M. TO ARRIVE AT THE CONGRESS
AT 8:50 A.M. (DRIVING TIME: 5 MINUTES) THE
PRESIDENT'S MOTORCADE WILL ENTER THE DOWNWARD INCLINED
DRIVEWAY OF THE CONGRESS GROUNDS AND TURN LEFT AT
THE POINT WHERE THE INCLINE CEASES AND ANOTHER ROADWAY
INTERSECTS FROM THE LEFT. HALFWAY ALONG THIS LATTER
ROADWAY THERE IS A LONG EXTERIOR MARBLE RAMP LEADING
UP TO THE CONGRESS BUILDING. WAITING TO RECEIVE
THE PRESIDENT AT THE END OF THIS RAMP WILL BE THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE CONGRESS, LUIS
CARLOS CHAVES, AND THE DIRECTOR GENERALS AND SECRE-
TARY GENERALS OF THE TWO CHAMBERS OF THE CONGRESS.
AFTER THE PRESIDENT EXITS FROM THE RIGHT BACK DOOR
OF HIS LIMOUSINE, HE WILL BE ESCORTED BY THE ABOVE
FIVE BRAZILIAN FUNCTIONARIES UP THE RAMP TO THE
CONGRESS BUILDING. WAITING IMMEDIATELY INSIDE THE
ENTRANCE LOBBY WILL BE THE FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION:

(1) SENATOR PETRONIO PORTELLA - PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE (HE IS ALSO
PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS AND IS FORMALLY ADDRESSED AS "MR. PRESIDENT")
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(2) DEPUTY MARCO ANTONIO MACIEL - PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

(3) SENATOR EURICO RESENDE - SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

(4) SENATE MINORITY LEADER (STILL TO BE ELECTED)

(5) DEPUTY JOSE BONIFACIO DE ANDRADA - CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MAJORITY
LEADER,

(6) DEPUTY TANCREDO NEVES - CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MINORITY LEADER,

(7) SENATOR JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO - CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE,

(8) DEPUTY FLAVIO MARCILIO - CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (A NEW CHAIRMAN MAY BE ELECTED BETWEEN NOW

AND THE END OF MARCH).

THEY WILL INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE PRESIDENT AND HIS
OFFICIAL PARTY AND INVITE THE PRESIDENT TO GO INTO THE
SALAO NOBRE WITH THEM. (AT THIS POINT FUNCTIONARIES
OF THE CONGRESS WILL ESCORT THE REST OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, WHICH
WILL HAVE FOLLOWED THE PRESIDENT UP THE EXTERIOR RAMP,
INTO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES TO RESERVED SEATS ON THE
LEFT FRONT ROW.) THE SALAO NOBRE IS DIRECTLY ON THE

LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE LOBBY AS ONE ENTERS THE CONGRESS BUILDING.
SENATOR PORTELLA AND DEPUTY MACIEL WILL TAKE THEIR LEAVE OF
THE PRESIDENT IN ORDER TO BRING THE JOINT SESSION OF

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CONGRESS TO ORDER. THE SIX REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE
ABOVE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WILL STAY WITH THE
PRESIDENT DURING THIS SHORT INTERVAL. UPON NOTICE
THAT THE JOINT SESSION IS READY TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT,
HE WILL BE ESCORTED BY THESE SIX CONGRESSMEN
TO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. THEY WILL WALK FROM THE
SALAO NOBRE DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE ENTRANCE LOBBY, UP
A WIDE STAIRCASE TO AN UPPER LOBBY AREA, TURN RIGHT
AND PROCEED TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.
THIS ENTIRE ROUTE WILL BE COVERED WITH A RED CARPET
WITH A ROW OF CEREMONIAL TROOPS LINING EACH SIDE.

PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE ESCORTED BY THE SAME
SIX CONGRESSMEN DOWN THE CHAMBER'S CENTER AISLE, AT THE END OF WHICH
THEY WILL TURN LEFT AND THEN RIGHT IN ORDER TO ASCENT
THE STEPS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PODIUM. PRESIDENT
CARTER'S CHAIR WILL BE ON THE RIGHT OF SENATOR
PORTELLA'S. (DEPUTY MACIEL WILL BE ON SENATOR PORTELLA'S
LEFT. TWO ADDITIONAL SEATS ON EACH END OF THE
PODIUM WILL BE OCCUPIED BY THE FOUR SECRETARIES
OF THE SENATE). AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER TAKES HIS
POSITION IN FRONT OF HIS CHAIR, THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WHO ESCORTED HIM INTO THE
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WILL LEAVE THE PODIUM AND GO TO
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THE FLOOR OF THE CHAMBER.

THE SHORT VERSIONS OF THE TWO NATIONAL ANTHEMS WILL BE PLAYED BY THE AIR FORCE BAND. THE ENTIRE GATHERING WILL THEN BE SEATED.

SENATOR PORTELLA WILL PRESIDE OVER THE JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS. FOLLOWING HIS BRIEF WELCOMING REMARKS, THERE WILL BE 10-MINUTE SPEECHES GIVEN BY DEPUTY TANCREDO NEVES (CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MINORITY LEADER) AND SENATOR EURICO RESENDE (SENATE MAJORITY LEADER). PRESIDENT CARTER WILL THEN BE INVITED BY SENATOR PORTELLA TO DELIVER HIS SPEECH. SENATOR PORTELLA WILL CLOSE THE JOINT SESSION BY THANKING THE PRESIDENT.

THE SESSION IS EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED BY APPROXIMATELY 9:40 A.M. THE PRESIDENT, WITH HIS OFFICIAL PARTY FOLLOWING BEHIND, WILL BE ESCORTED OUT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

ALONG THE CENTER AISLE BY SENATOR PORTELLA AND DEPUTY MACIEL. THEY WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY THROUGH THE UPPER LOBBY AREA AND DESCEND THE WIDE STAIRCASE INTO THE ENTRANCE LOBBY. THE PRESIDENT WILL SAY GOOD-BYE TO SENATOR PORTELLA AND DEPUTY MACIEL JUST INSIDE THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CONGRESS BUILDING. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAVES WILL ESCORT THE PRESIDENT DOWN THE EXTERIOR RAMP TO HIS WAITING LIMOUSINE. THE PRESIDENT'S MOTORCADE WILL DEPART THE CONGRESS GROUNDS AT 9:45 A.M. IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT THE PLANALTO PALACE AT 9:50 A.M. (DRIVING TIME: 5 MINUTES).

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES: CORDONED PRESS AREAS AT THE
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ENTRANCE TO THE CONGRESS BUILDING ARE ANTICIPATED. HOWEVER, SPACE LIMITATIONS AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WILL RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ADMITTED. DEPARTURE COVERAGE FROM SAME CORDONED PRESS AREAS AS ON ARRIVAL.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN: IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE PRESIDENT'S LIMOUSINE ONLY WILL TURN LEFT AT THE POINT WHERE THE ROADWAY INTERSECTS FROM THE LEFT WITH THE DOWNWARD INCLINED DRIVEWAY. AFTER TRAVELING ALONG THIS ROADWAY PARALLEL TO THE CONGRESS BUILDING, THE PRESIDENT'S

LIMOUSINE WILL TURN RIGHT TO GO UP THE LOWER RAMP LEADING T THE PORTICO OF THE CONGRESS (THE SAME RAMP HE WOULD WALK UP IN GOOD WEATHER). THE LIMOUSINE WILL STOP WHERE THE RAMP LEVELS OUT JUST SHORT OF THE PORTICO. LUIS CARLOS CHAVES, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESS, WILL GREET THE PRESIDENT AS HE EXITS FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS LIMOUSINE AT THE TOP OF THE RAMP. CHAVES WILL GUIDE THE PRESIDENT FORWARD UNDER THE PORTICO AND DIRECTLY INTO THE ENTRANCE LOBBY OF THE CONGRESS WHERE THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WILL BE WAITING TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT.

(THE REST OF THE MOTORCADE, RATHER THAN TURNING LEFT AND FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S LIMOUSINE, WILL PROCEED STRAIGHT AHEAD AND THEN TURN LEFT FOLLOWING THE DRIVEWAY UNDERNEATH THE PORTICO. THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL GET OUT OF THEIR CARS AT THE SUB-PORTICO ENTRANCE AND WILL BE GUIDED TO ELEVATORS AT THAT LEVEL WHICH WILL TAKE THEM UP TWO FLIGHTS TO THE UPPER LOBBY AREA. THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR RESERVED SEATS IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, I.E., PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S ENTRANCE.)
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